

REMARKS

In accordance with the foregoing, claims 4, 6-8, 10, 11, 28-31, 36, 37, 39, 41, 44, 45, 49, and 50 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 1-3, 5, 9, 27, 38, 40, 43, 46, 48, 51, and 53-55 are pending, with claims 1, 27, 38, 40, 43, 46, 48, and 51 being independent. No new matter is presented in this Amendment After Allowance Under 37 CFR 1.312.

Entry of Amendment After Allowance Under 37 CFR 1.312

Claims 1-11, 27-31, 36-41, 43-46, 48-51, and 53-55 have been allowed. However, allowed claims 4, 6-8, 10, 11, 28-31, 36, 37, 39, 41, 44, 45, 49, and 50 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer in this Amendment After Allowance Under 37 CFR 1.312, leaving allowed claims 1-3, 5, 9, 27, 38, 40, 43, 46, 48, 51, and 53-55 pending. Since this Amendment After Allowance Under 37 CFR 1.312 only cancels allowed claims, it is submitted that entry of this Amendment After Allowance Under 37 CFR 1.312 is proper under 37 CFR 1.312 and MPEP 714.16 and 714.16(d)(II) (see MPEP page 700-268).

Conclusion

There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application remains in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Office is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

Respectfully submitted,

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